

# March 2004 Working Group Meeting Report

Presented to the Everglades Restoration Task Force

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2004

## Multi-species Workshop

The WG received various presentations to provide general background on multi-species management issues and perspectives on the subject from various WG members. The group recognized that immediate short term issues with CSOP and Modified Waters Deliveries were being undertaken that would deal significantly with the single species vs. multi-species aspects of the Cape Sable seaside sparrow and other avian species. With this presumption, the WG began discussions to identify key strategic issues associated with implementing multi-species management as requested by the TF at its February meeting. A facilitated discussion and a collaborative effort for issues development was conducted with the help of Bob Jones.

The WG identified the following prioritized list of issues:

- A. Control of invasive exotic species to support multi-species management
- B. Water quality as it relates to healthy multi-species ecosystems.
- C. Communicating effectively on multi-species management among agencies and with the public.
- D. Facilitating implementation of multi-species management in Everglades restoration.
- E. Strategies for providing protection for marine species and estuarine habitats at risk.
- F. Science and multi-species management.

**Next Steps:** Further explore these issues and recommend actionable items to the TF.